

# Austrian Strikers Seem to Hold Whip Hand

## WASHINGTON THINKS AUSTRIA IS RIPE FOR PEACE

### DOOR OF PEACE IS WIDE OPEN

London Newspapers Receive Wilson's Reply to Czernin Satisfactorily.

(BULLETIN.)  
(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—That Count Czernin's conciliatory response to President Wilson's speech of January 8 was made with Germany's consent was indicated by the German press, according to dispatches from Rome. One paper said it was the intention of the Austrian premier to prepare for peace negotiations between Austria and the United States.

Such an attempt would not have been made without German consent, the paper says.

Austrian papers today prisoners told the Austrians that the Austrian command at the pope's request quit air raiding Italy, but Germany caused resumption.

### YOU CAN'T HELP ADMIRE THIS PAIR

Melvin Twice Ship-wrecked—Now Brother Mac Is in France.

Sing to for the Brothers McClure—Melvin, U. S. N., and Mac, U. S. A., of Hammond.

Since the publication of the adventures of Melvin, the Jackie twin shipwrecked off the coast of France, and once more about the good this Arizans, the people in Hammond who



MAC MCCLURE.

knew the brothers only casually have been somewhat puzzled as to who is who and what is what.

Melvin enlisted in the navy three years ago at the age of 17.

Mac enlisted in the coast artillery last April with other high school boys. He was 15 years of age and the youngest yet to leave. After training he volunteered to be transferred to the field artillery and became company clerk at Fort Meyer, Va. A few weeks ago he resigned that position to go to France. He has just reached France.

### PROBE FOR ASSETS OF THIS FIRM

Olsen & Scofield Co. Promoted on Prospects, Suit Discloses Method of Financing a Secret Process.

For the second week the court of Judge Reiter is tenanted by large numbers of lawyers looking for assets in the insolvent Olsen & Scofield Company which some months ago came forward with plans to build magnificent apartment houses and a half million dollar hotel.

Evidence the assets are rather elusive. Meanwhile the search goes on. The assets are rather elusive. Meanwhile the search goes on.

### BOY SCOUT CELEBRATION

The 25th anniversary of the Boy Scout Movement, combined with a Lincoln birthday program will be given at the Methodist church in Hammond this evening. Every mother and father is cordially invited to attend and a capacity house is expected to be present.

A small admission fee of ten cents will be charged to defray expenses of lights and printing.

W. C. Nelson will give an address "Lincoln the Boy" and will be followed by Frank D. McElroy on the "Scout of the Boy Scout Movement." There will also be a musical program and illustrations of the Boy Scout life given by members of the Hammond Boy Scouts. The program will close with distribution of medals of honor and awards given by the Government for the work of the local Boy Scouts in selling the second Liberty Bonds. The Boy Scouts now have a combined strength of machine members and six boys after the nation mark.

### ADAMS' STRENGTH IS WAVING NOW

(BULLETIN.)  
(By United Press.)  
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—Talk of a compromise candidate for republican national chairman grew this afternoon when supporters of John Adams of Iowa indicated their unalterable opposition to Will W. Hays of Indiana.

Signs that the Hays' were at its crest were seen and the belief grew that Hays' forces could not muster enough votes to elect him this afternoon.

(By United Press.)  
ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 12.—When the drift toward Will H. Hays for national chairman of the republican party became more pronounced today, his backers came out publicly for the first time and claimed his election without reservation.

Joe Keating of Indianapolis, depended upon to swing the southern vote away from John Adams of Iowa, said: "It is absolutely certain Hays will be made chairman and probably by acclamation."

Others have been mentioned, said Keating, but the committee have been shown no good reason why Hays with his position in a strategic state (Indiana) and his proved ability should be the choice, he added.

"I believe no other name will be presented to the committee this afternoon," said Keating.

Indications that some of Adams' strength was dropping away were seen in the outcropping of numerous personalities for compromise candidates. Among these mentioned were Senator Frank Kellogg of Minnesota, Congressman Fred Steiwer of Kansas, and Fred Sterling of Illinois.

### REAWAKEN AMERICAN ALLIANCE

"Well, the casualty lists begin appearing. Then the public will rise up in its wrath and put down non-partisanship for all time. Then patriotism will be at the boiling point."

That was the common statement six weeks ago.

New waves of United States soldiers killed on the fighting front appear daily. And the people remain so indifferent. That is the opinion of Sergeant W. S. Wain, founder of the American Alliance. He announced today that the alliance will have a public meeting at the Hammond Auditorium of Commerce, Thursday evening with J. B. Dudley, a speaker of great ability, present to reawaken the people to the task before them. Dr. Dudley is furnished by the American Defense Council. A Four-Minute man from Chicago is to speak. Mrs. Lydia Walters Van Gilder will sing, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Misch. Sergeant Wain believes that the people of the city will be better for having attended the meeting. With 1,500 of her best boys in the war Hammond is vitally interested.

"I feel responsible in seeing that every boy who has stepped forward and enlisted in this office to give his life if need be for his country receives the support at home which he is entitled to. That is why I am pushing the American Alliance," said Sergeant Wain. "I do not feel it at my responsibility ends when I have sent the boy to a training camp. I feel it my duty to do all I can to 'break' his isolation and utterance at home, to see that the boy has his share of the news of his friends and sweetest—his ship, to keep Hammond at everything it should for his heroes."

If the coal man can't deliver the coal, the postman can and will deliver Thrift and War-Savings Stamps.

### O'BRIEN'S DARING STIRS MEN TO FLOCK TO ROYAL FLIERS



What Lieutenant Patrick O'Brien, hero of daredevil exploits as aviator and later as fugitive from German captors, has done any wide awake young fellow equally athletic can do. O'Brien said on his flying trip to his old home in Illinois. His modest assertion made a new call for recruits at all depots of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission for the Royal Flying Corps have immediate response.

Is there adventure for the cadet successful in Canadian training camps? Ask Flier O'Brien—he has had a whole book full. The opening again of recruiting at British-Canadian depots found a waiting throng. For many months recruits only have been accepted in New York.

Lieut. O'Brien's plane was shot down last August by a German airplane behind the enemy lines near Ypres. From that time until he landed in Buckingham Palace, King George's guest, he experienced a series of thrills which followed one another thick and fast.

### DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING

(Special to The Times.)  
CROWN POINT, IND., Feb. 12.—A postponed meeting of the Lake County Council of Defense was held on Monday afternoon. All the members were present with the exception of H. S. Norton of Cary, and Peter W. Meyer of Hammond. The council as a body attended a special meeting of the county commissioners and each member in a very forceful manner urged the commissioners to recommend the county council to make an appropriation for a tuberculosis hospital as a permanent issue in lake county, not only as a war measure but as a humanitarian measure, at once.

The board of commissioners urged the attendance of the County Council of Defense at the next meeting of the county council which is to be held some time in the near future.

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### Bulletins

(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The state department today officially announced Germany served an ultimatum on Roumanian demanding immediate peace, and that the Roumanian cabinet has resigned.

(By United Press Cablegram.)  
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 12.—Emperor Carl has decided to ask Baron von Seydlitz, Austrian premier, to form a new cabinet, Vienna dispatches said today.

(By United Press Cablegram.)  
LONDON, Feb. 12.—Official confirmation of Russia's withdrawal from the war, was received here today through a wireless press bureau dispatch from Petrograd.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 12.—Kaiser Wilhelm's health is in such a state that he has transferred his personal headquarters to the Spa where he will "take a short cure," German newspapers received here today declared.

(By United Press Cablegram.)  
LONDON, Feb. 12.—Great Britain will not recognize any peace between Germany and those delegates signing the pact of Utrecht, it was learned authoritatively today.

(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Twenty-one men who sailed on the transport Tuscania were removed from the vessel at Halifax, the war department announced today. None of the men were from Illinois or Indiana.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The struggle in which we are engaged has reached a critical stage, demanding more than ever our united energies and resources," King George declared in opening parliament today.

### AUSTRIA READY FOR PEACE?

Graver Social Disturbances Than Ever are Pending, Rulers are Backing Down

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
(Copyright 1918 by the United Press.)  
ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, Feb. 12.—Austrian workers before taking up the tools following the recent strike did these three significant things:

Laid down conditions forcing Foreign Minister Czernin to adhere to the Wilsonian program.

Sent a delegation to Emperor Karl who stated: "Peace is my only aim day and night."

Formed a permanent committee to maintain a watch on the government and force it to keep its promises.

The same causes which unchained the strike continue. Another and graver social disturbance is possible any day. The Austrians will stand and are expected to stand for non-german demands of conquest.

I know for a fact that an Austrian official now in Switzerland declared Austria is ready to accept President Wilson's peace terms.

The Austrian rulers are afraid of the future if the war continues. They already have to back down. The strong Hungarian power claimed a separate Hungarian army. The Karshi party refused to join the government lately because it wants an independent Hungary. The Giza party is undecided. The Czechs are suspicious toward Germany and have asked appointment of an Anglo-Hungarian council to watch their interests in the peace conference. The non-germans are equally suspicious of their neighbors.

But the masses of the country feel the same—the cry of both peoples is for bread and peace. The Bolsheviks is rampant and growing in Austria-Hungary and the country is threatened by revolution and dismemberment. The non-germans are scared as are the pan-germans who are keenly aware of events.

The recent strike probably had nothing in common—the movements were spontaneous. The socialists opposed the strike admitting they furnished even the leaders were a part of the government plots. The socialists assumed charge of the strike and ordered the workers to return after forty-eight hours, the leaders saying they were not consulted by the strikers.

The fact is Austria-Hungary is hard hit by the war. The people are suffering enormously.

The Vienna Economist News reported 45,000 deaths in Vienna in 1917 against 24,000 births. There were over 12,000 deaths from tuberculosis which was enormously increased on account of the poor food.

With the Bolshevik movement hourly gaining which may at any time link up with the recent strikers and socialists it is small wonder that Austria fails to view Hindenburg's offensive favorably. Likewise there are reasons for terror gripping the hearts of the war party members.

Austria is in no position to continue an unpopular war. The Hindenburg crowd realizes the end must come soon. Therefore an offensive must not be delayed lest Austria fall to pieces—and with her Prussia.

Saved money won't grow unless you invest it. Buy U. S. S.

### SOLVES CAPITAL OVERCROWDING



Miss Antoinette Greely.

When Washington was a broken-down host last summer because of the great influx of war workers for whom housing facilities seemed impossible to attain, Miss Antoinette Greely, social worker, found a cure. By a circular letter and follow-up system she induced the hundreds of old government employees, by appealing to their patriotism, to rent rooms in their own homes to the newcomers.

### WAR WIDOW AIDS IN RECONSTRUCTION



Mrs. Henry Beech Needham.

Henry Beech Needham, writer, was killed two years ago in an airplane accident in France. Since then his widow has been working with other American women to rehabilitate homes in France. She is in this country at present with motion pictures showing the work of the reconstruction.

### BOY SCOUT SAVES LIFE OF MOTHER

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Shows Great Presence of Mind When His Mother Becomes a Human Torch.

Charles Janka, aged 13, crazed to be a carefree boy at play in the yard back of his home at 1339 Baring avenue, East Chicago, yesterday. He became a hero and applying the first aid methods learned as a Boy Scout saved the life of his mother to nurse his blind sister back to health.

While burning a pile of rubbish Mrs. Frank Janka became a human torch almost before she was aware that a fire had started. Her hair was ablaze. Sergeant brought her son to the rescue. Tearing the clothes from his mother, Charles rolled her in snow and succeeded in extinguishing the flames while burning his hands painfully. Mrs. Janka's life was saved but she is seriously burned. As soon as the fire was out the boy ran to the nearest telephone and within a few minutes had Dr. A. G. Schlicker in attendance.

Meanwhile the five-year-old daughter is very ill of pneumonia which has caused loss of eyesight. The pneumonia developed from whooping cough.

The father is a foreman at the Champion River Works.

**EAST CHICAGO TEACHERS TO PROFIT**

A recent meeting of the board of education of East Chicago that body decided upon a general raise in the salary schedules of all teachers. The new salaries will average an increase of fifteen per cent.

This action was taken not only to improve the condition of the teachers but as a matter of self preservation, as many of the local teachers having been called to positions offering higher salaries.

The new contracts have not been offered but will doubtless be in the hands of the elected teachers by March 1st.

### SCHOOL LAD IS SHAMEFULLY BEATEN

(Special to The Times.)  
RENSSELAER, IND., Feb. 12.—Prussian methods were favorites with Supt. Paul Hirschman and George Barnes, a grade teacher in the Chandler schools, if charges made by Carl Leslie, a school boy are true.

Leslie is a frail lad and the accused men are stepping fellows. A blow was missing in the school and Leslie was accused. He denied the charge and then, according to allegations, both men proceeded to take the boy to the basement where they gave him the third degree with a piece of rubber hose while he was doubled over a bench. Masselman held him down as the story goes and Barnes welled him. The boy was ill for several days and the filing of charges against his assailants was held up a week on that account.

The men were last under bond to appear in the March circuit court. Only the action of cooler heads prevented citizens from mobbing them.

### SHERIFF TOLD TO HOLD PRISONERS

(Special to The Times.)  
CROWN POINT, IND., Feb. 12.—Sheriff Lew Barnes has been notified with other Indiana sheriffs that they should hold all prisoners committed to the Indiana reformatory for a time until arrangements may be made. There are some seventy or eighty inmates who have been authorized for parole and are due to go out. These will leave just as soon as clothing can be obtained. When the board of trustees meets a large number more will be paroled and an effort will be made to get these out as quickly as possible, work being plentiful at this time.